

CP-6-853

23 February 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DULLES

SUBJECT: Second Brucker Report, NSC 5512/1

1. The IIG and ICIS comments, received since your first briefing, indicate that there will be major discussion of recommendation No. 1, which affects only the Department of Defense. FBI points to the heavy costs of this recommendation and questions its feasibility. Recommend you take no position on this or on recommendations 4 and 5. As to 5, it is made clear that we will not conform.

2. Recommendation 3 is a hold-over from the tentative recommendations proposed in November. Its requirement of consultation within 15 days in cases of differing evaluation would raise difficulties for us in two types of cases: 25X1A

a. [REDACTED]

b. Where CIA takes a calculated risk, for a specific purpose, on a man not normally clearable. Such a man would have only limited and specific access to classified information in any case, and perhaps none at all.

Inasmuch as all of our denials are represented as being for administrative reasons, not ostensibly security, a technical argument can be made that we are not obligated to consult in any case. Recommend that you either take this position (perhaps sub silentio), or point out that we will be unable to comply in all cases, specifically of the types noted.

3. Recommendations 2 and 6 raise questions of what constitutes a review at managerial level. (ICIS would change this to read "high command or managerial level" -- this leaves the problem the same.) Recommendation 2 contains merely a general requirement, but the new Recommendation 6 is so phrased as to indicate that review at the Security Officer level is not "managerial." Inasmuch as our Security Office has its own review procedures, plus provision for appeal to D/DCI at request of the office concerned, we are clearly complying with the spirit of this recommendation. Recommend that you either sit tight and be prepared to point this out if we are ever questioned, or propose deletion, at the top of page 7, of the words "Security Officer or other."

4. There are attached two detailed memoranda from the General Counsel and the Director of Security on these points.